(f) the details of other excavation works of the above nature going on currently along with sites selected for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The excavations at Dholavira, District Kutch, Gujarat, conducted during season 1990-91 by the Archaeological Survey of India have brought to light successive settlement of Pre-Harappan, Proto-Harappan, mature-Harappan and later periods along with their distinct potteries and other items. Principal features of Harappan (Indus) city comprised remains of an imposing citadel with monumental gateways and a water reservior inside, a middle and a lower town. Significant finds included remains of stone pillars, flights of steps and seals, sealings, weights, mother goddess figures in terracotta, copper implements and ornaments, beads of various types, characteristic pottery and boldly inlaid nine letters in Harappan script on a floor.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The evidence unearthed has provided a new model of proto-historic urban planning and style of architecture of the Harappans with developed system of water management, stone dressing showing the probable use of lathe for shaping pillars. All these features are vitally important for reconstructing the technological and cultural history of the country.

(e) Excavation Branch V of the Archaeological Survey of India carried out both excavation and assessment work.

(f) No excavation relating to Pre-Harappan occupation is being carried out at present.

[Translation]

Difficulties in Study/Teaching of Sanskrit

1626. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been apprised of the difficulties being faced in the study/teaching of Sanskrit;

(b) the number of Sanskrit Vidyalayas functioning at present in the country;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to remove the difficulties being faced in the study/teaching of Sanskrit and for the smooth functioning of such Vidyalayas; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Government have not been apprised of any specific difficulties being faced in the study/teaching of Sanskrit, except the need to coordinate and maintain standards of teaching.

(b) The number of Sanskrit Vidyalayas functioning at present in the country is not known. However, according to preliminary information collected so far from 15 States/UTs there are approx. 2000 Sanskrit Pathshalas/institutions being run by Voluntary Organisations.

(c) and (d) School Education, including Sanskrit institutions, is primarily the concern of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, looking to the importance of Sanskrit, the Central Government have been implementing several schemes to support and promote the cause of Sanskrit education. For this purpose financial assistance is made available to ensure the smooth functioning of Sanskrit institutions/Vidyalayas under the following schemes:

(i) *Development of Sanskrit Education*

(a) Scholarship to students studying Sanskrit in Secondary/Sr. Secondary schools.

(b) Modernisation of Sanskrit Pathshalas.

(c) Appointment of Sanskrit Teachers.

(d) Any other proposal for promotion of Sanskrit recommended by State Governments/UT Admns.

(e) Financial assistance to elderly Sanskrit scholars in indigent circumstances.

(ii) *Grant in Aid to Voluntary Sanskrit Organisations*

(a) Financial Assistance for Teachers' salary.

(b) Financial Assistance for scholarship to students in Sanskrit Pathshalas.

(c) Financial Assistance for Approved Non-Recurring Expenditure.

(iii) *Adarsh Sanskrit Pathshala Scheme*

(a) Grant-in-Aid assistance of 95% of the Approved Recurring Expenditure.

(b) Grant-in-Aid assistance of 75% of the Approved Non-recurring Expenditure.

Setting up of more Kendriya Vidyalayas

1627. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Kendriya Vidyalayas in the country at present and the number and places in Delhi where such Vidyalayas are located;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up more Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(c) if so, the names of places where these are to be set up and the time by which these are likely to start working?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) At present 740 Kendriya Vidyalayas are functioning in the country. The number and places of such Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi is given in the attached Statement.

(b) and (c) Expansion depends on the availability of funds and the sponsorship of suitable proposals by the user agencies.

STATEMENT

List of Kendriya Vidyalayas in Delhi

S.No. Name of Union Territories & Address

Delhi (30)

1. Andrews Ganj, New Delhi.
2. Sadar Bazar, Delhi Cantt. No. I.
3. Kandhar Lines, Delhi Cantt. No. II, New Delhi.
4. Gole Market, New Delhi.
5. INA Colony, New Delhi.
6. IIT Hauz Khas, New Delhi.
7. Janakpuri, New Delhi.
8. CRPF Campus, Jhorada Kalan, New Delhi.
9. Lawrence Road, Delhi.
10. Sector-IV, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
11. Sector-II, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
12. Sector-VIII, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
13. Tagore Garden, New Delhi.
14. Masjid Moth, New Delhi.
15. AGCR Colony, PO Karkarduma New Delhi.
16. Badarpur Thermal Power Corp, Badarpur, New Delhi.
17. Dakshini Block 'A' Shalimar Bagh
18. AFS Tughalakabad, New Delhi.
19. AFS, Arjun Garh.
20. Pragati Vihar, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.